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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Bowen-Leaver, et al.

Serial No.: 09/897,871

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Examiner: Yu, Gina C.

For: Ringing Nanogel Compositions

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

The following Preliminary Amendment is submitted as a further response to the Examiner's Final Action dated June 3, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated December 27, 2004. Applicants previously filed, on October 4, 2004, a Response to the Final Office Action, which was considered but not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner notes that the arguments presented in Applicants' Response to the Final Office Action are unpersuasive. Concurrently herewith, Applicants submit a request for continued examination, and request that the following remarks in response to the Advisory Action be considered.